

EXCERPTS FROM "ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE"

ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS

5/11-301. Department to Adopt Sign Manual

Section 11-301. Department to Adopt Sign Manual. (a) The Department shall adopt a State manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices consistent with this Chapter for use upon highways within this State. Such manual shall include the adoption of the R7-8 sign adopted by the United States Department of Transportation to designate the reservation of parking facilities for the handicapped. Non-conforming signs in use prior to January 1, 1985, shall not constitute a violation during their useful lives, which shall not be extended by other means than normal maintenance. The manual shall also specify insofar as practicable the minimum warrants justifying the use of the various traffic control devices. Such uniform system shall correlate with and, where not inconsistent with Illinois highway conditions, conform to the system set forth in the most recent edition of the national manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

(b) Signs adopted by the Department to designate the reservation of parking facilities for the handicapped shall also exhibit, in a manner determined by the Department, the words "\$50 Fine".*

P.A. 76-1586, Section 11-301, eff. July 1, 1970. Amended by P.A. 76-2159, Section 1, eff. July 1, 1970; P.A. 83-1316, Section 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1985; P.A. 85-484, Section 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat. 1991, ch. 95 ½, par. 11-301.

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5/11-301.1. Handicapped Parking Signs

Section 11-301.1. Beginning July 1, 1988, all signs erected and used to designate the reservation of parking facilities for the handicapped shall be in a form and manner prescribed under Section 11-301 of this Code, and all parking spaces reserved for the handicapped, except those reserving on-street parking areas, shall be at least 16 feet wide. Non-conforming signs or spaces in use prior to July 1, 1988, shall not constitute a violation during their useful lives, which shall not be extended by means other than normal maintenance. Beginning October 1, 1992, all parking spaces reserved for the handicapped, except those reserving on-street parking areas, shall be at least 16 feet wide.

P.A. 76-1586, Section 11-301.1, added by P.A. 85-484, Section 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1988.

Amended by P.A. 87-562, Section 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1992.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat. 1991, ch. 95 ½, par. 11-301.1.

NOTE: Vertical Bars (|) in the left margin indicate revisions since May 1, 1988.

ARTICLE XIII. STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING

➔ 5/11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places reserved for persons with disabilities

§ 11-1301.3. Unauthorized use of parking places reserved for handicapped persons.

(a) It shall be prohibited to park any motor vehicle which is not bearing registration plates or decals issued to a handicapped person, as defined by Section 1-159.1, pursuant to Sections 3-616, 11-1301.1 or 11-1301.2, or to a disabled veteran pursuant to Section 3-609 of this Act, as evidence that the vehicle is operated by or for a handicapped person or disabled veteran, in any parking place, including any private or public offstreet parking facility, specifically reserved, by the posting of an official sign as designated under Section 11-301, for motor vehicles bearing such registration plates. Any motor vehicle bearing a handicapped license plate or a handicapped parking decal or device containing the International symbol of access issued to handicapped persons by any local authority, state, district, territory or foreign country shall be recognized by state and local authorities as a valid license plate or device and receive the same parking privileges as residents of this State.

(b) Any person or local authority owning or operating any public or private offstreet parking facility may, after notifying the police or sheriff's department, remove or cause to be removed to the nearest garage or other place of safety any vehicle parked within a stall or space reserved for use by the handicapped which does not display handicapped registration plates or a special decal or device as required under this Section.

(c) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section shall be fined \$100 in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle authorized under this Section; but municipalities by ordinance may impose a fine up to \$200.

(d) Local authorities shall impose fines as established in subsection (c) for vehicles parked in spaces for the handicapped that do not display the registration plates pursuant to Section 3-616 or a special decal or device pursuant to Section 11-1301.2.

P.A. 76-1586, §11-1301.2. added by P.A. 81-176, § 1, eff. Jan 1, 1980. Renumbered § 11-1301.3 and amended by P.A. 81-1509. Art. 1, § 57, eff. Sept. 26, 1980. Amended by P.A. 82-226, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1982; P.A. 83-1058, § 1, eff. July 1, 1984; P.A. 83-1316, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1985; P.A. 86-539, § 1, eff. Jan 1, 1990; P.A. 88-685, § 5, eff. Jan. 24, 1995; P.A. 89-275, § 5, eff. Jan. 1, 1996.

Formerly Ill.Rev.Stat.1991, ch. 95½ ¶ 11-1301.3.